(ख) इस परियोजना पर कितने करोड़ रुपये खर्च किए जाने का अनुमान है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) शाहगंज-मऊ आमान परिवर्तन का कार्य आठवीं पंच-वर्षीय योजना के दौरान शुरू किया जाएगा । इसका पुरा होना संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा ।

(ख) वर्तमान मूल्य स्तर पर लगभग 50 करोड़ रुपये ।

रेल दुर्घटना

1413. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **रेल** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 10 जुलाई, 1992 की प्रातः एक यात्री रेल गाड़ी की दुर्घटना हुई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) मृतकों और गंभीर रूप से घायल व्यक्तियों की अलग-अलग संख्या कितनी है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग) संभवतः आशय 9-7-1992 को 8033 अहमदाबाद-हावड़ा एक्सप्रेस के पटरी से उतरने की घटना से है । मध्य रेलवे के नाग पुर मंडल के धामनगांव और तलनी स्टेशनों के बीच इस गाड़ी के 11 डिब्बे पटरी से उतर गए थे । उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार 15 व्यक्तियों की जानें गई और 9 गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए ।

Train Accidents

1414. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of train accidents during 1990-91 and 1991-92, passenger and goods trainwise;

(b) the number of those accidents which were due to derailments;

(c) what are the causes for large number of accidents due to derailments;

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to curtail such accidents;

(e) the amount of compensation paid by Government to the rail accident victims during the last three years and the number of claims still pending with the Railway claims Tribunal; and

(f) by when all such claims are likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Details of consequential train accidents during 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under:—

	1990-91			1991-92O		
	Pass.	Other	Total	Pass	Other	Total
Collusions	23	18	41	18	12	30
Derailments	97	349	446	108	336	444
Level Crossing Accidents	31	5	36	41	6	47
Fire in trains	7	2	9	7	2	9
Total	158	374	532	174	356	530

(c) The derailments took place mainly due to failure of railway staff, equipment failure and sabotage.

(d) Some of the important steps taken to reduce derailments are:—

(i) induction of technical devices to aid the human element;

(ii) monitoring the performance of staff of critical safety categories such as drivers, guards, station masters, etc.

(iii) intensive training of staff in operational categories;

(iv) intensive and frequent inspections of sensitive installations;

(e) and (f) An amount of Rs. 558.77 lakhs was paid as compensation during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 and 445 accident compensation claim cases are with the Railway Claims Tribunal for grant of award. Priority is given to accident compensation claim cases in their disposal by Railway Claims Tribunal.

Proposal for Amendment of Indian Railway Act.

1415. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to amend the Indian Railway Act to encourage private participation in improving the rail services;

(b) if so, what are the proposed amendments; and

(c) by when these amendments are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shuttle train between Guntur and Secunderabad

1416. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a shuttle train between Guntur and Secunderabad; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Timing of Narayanadri Express

1417. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 86 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the number of representations received for effecting change in the timings of Narayanadri Express; and

(b) whether there is difference in the occupancy of the train after the change in timings; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 5 representations including one letter through Editor, Indian Express, suggesting changes in the schedule of 7423 Tirupati-Secunderabad Narayanadri Express were received.

(b) There is no drop in through passengers for whom the train was introduced. However, there is a drop of local passengers travelling between Guntur and Secunderabad.